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## MONTHLY ACTION: JUNE 2019

### **SRI LANKA: 11 YEAR OLD AND FAMILY AT RISK OF DEPORTATION**

A Pakistani Catholic family, including an 11 year old child, have been arrested for overstaying their visas in Sri Lanka.

Naseem John, Nida John, Nobil Zain, Sylvester John, Hina Milword and Keshwan Milword fled from serious threats to the lives in Pakistan. In Sri Lanka, the family were also recently displaced from their home in Dalupotha by violent mobs following the Easter Sunday attacks.

Since their arrest they have been kept at the refugee centre in Mirihana for overstaying their visas. They are being kept in terrible conditions and the 11 year old child has been separated from his mother because of segregation in the camps.

The family fear they will be at risk if returned to Pakistan where safety for minorities has deteriorated in recent years. There must be a fair process before a deportation to properly evaluate the threat that families might be exposed to on return and ensure they are not returned if at risk of serious human rights violations.

#### **TAKE ACTION**

Please write to Minister Tilak Marapana before 16 July 2019 calling for the family's deportation to be stopped; for a fair process to consider the risk; and for the family to have a safe place to stay, with access to food and medicine. A template letter is attached. Letters can also be sent by email to: [publicity@formin.gov.lk](mailto:publicity@formin.gov.lk), [cypther@mfa.gov.lk](mailto:cypther@mfa.gov.lk), or [sfa@mfa.gov.lk](mailto:sfa@mfa.gov.lk).

Please also send copies of your letters to:

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**Please let us know about any actions taken on this case by contacting:  
[childrensnetwork@amnesty.org.uk](mailto:childrensnetwork@amnesty.org.uk). Thank you.**

